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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL: SENATOR JOSEPH R. BIDEN

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1. WITH REFERENCE TO SENATOR BIDEN'S PLANS TO RESCHEDULE HIS EUROPEAN TRIP FOR THE MARCH 20-APRIL 3 TIME FRAME, WE WISH TO NOTE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES THAT THE ITAKIAN PARLIAMENT WILL BE IN RECESS FOR THE APPROXIMATE PERIOD MARCH 23 THROUGH APRIL 4. DURING THIS PERIOD FEW POLITICAL LEADERS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ROME, ESPECIALLY IF THE POLITICAL CRISIS IS RESOLVED BY THAT POINT.

2. WE ALSO NOTE MARINO DE MEDICI ARTICLE IN ROME DAILY IL TEMPO FEBRUARY 18 REPORTING ON A STUDY ON EUROCOMMUNISM PREPARED FOR THE BIDEN SUBCOMMITTEE BY SIDNEY SLOAN. IN THE CURSE OF THE ARTICLE, DE MEDICI WRITES THAT SENATOR BIDEN INTENDS TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY MISSION ON EUROCOMMUNISM TO EUROPE AT THE END OF MARCH DURING WHICH HE WILL MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER (SIC) ANDREOTTI. GIVEN THE EXPRESSED DESIRE OF THE PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE TO TREAT ANY SCHEDULED MEETING WITH THE SENATOR AS DISCREETLY AS POSSIBLE. DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE

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SENATOR THE FACT THAT THE DE MEDICI ARTICLE, WITH ITS SPECIFIC LINKAGE OF HIS CALL ON ANDREOTTI (WHICH IS NOT YET OFFICIALYY SCHEDULED) TO HIS STUDY ON EUROCOMMUNISM, IS PROBABLY NOTRPT NOT HELPFUL.GARDNER

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